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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2002, please consider the following timely-filed Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 6, 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 28, 29, and 30-33 without disclaimer or prejudice to the filing of one or more continuations or divisionals based on the subject matter of these claims.

Please amend 1, 3, 4, 11, 13-16, 19, and 24-27, to read as follows: